

September 11, 2019 PAC Meeting

6:30 pm Meeting Agenda

- Intro of PAC board and Q and A session for K parents

7pm: Meeting Agenda

- **First PAC Meeting**
 - Overview of PAC/introduction - introduction of Michelle
 - New officer vote
 - Motion to accept Michelle as VP. Amanda Williams first, second Liz Scott, all in favor, approved
 - Pat Lane intro - interested in bringing the male voice to the PAC to increase dad involvement
 - Kathy Anderson first, Alisha Dynan second, all in favor - approved
- Acceptance of the minutes from May 2019 meeting
 - Kathy Anderson first, Liz Scott second - all in favor, approved
- Intro of the PAC and the introduction of the goals for the iPad cart and programs to support the school
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Attachment with two spreadsheets. Last year and CY budget
 - Final PY expenses discussion
 - We are still taking in and booking playground expenses. Some of the surplus will go down for the irrigation and the wall ball
 - CY Budget
 - Backpacks and apparel - numbers and invoices are being reconciled
 - Largest expense to date is the teacher stipend to support the teachers 150 for the teachers and 75 for the specials
- **Current School Business - Mr. Barner**
 - Intro of Ms Gillis - our teacher rep for the PAC
 - It has been a smooth start - in how the routine works, the teachers have put a strong emphasis on learning and our goals
 - We share a vision on we want your children to achieve their full potential and achieve the highest level
 - Meeting with Mr. Barner - met with all grade levels and talked about expectations

- Spoke about the “Power of Yet” - if you knew everything already it wouldn’t be learning. It is ok to make mistakes. It is ok to not know something - YET
- Spoke about expectations learning, working hard to achieve the highest level
- HAWKS - Honesty Acceptance Working Hard Kindness Self Control
- 3 R’ - be respectful, be responsible, be ready
- Expectations signs are detailed in the common areas - 3 rules for each area - example: 1. Eat your lunch 2. talk quietly 3. clean your space
- Peacebuilders - when students are caught doing great things they receive a peacebuilder
- Highlights for this year: Full time digital learning coach - Mr. Stefanowitch. He is looking to move our technology light years ahead - drones, iSpace
- Focus on reading incentives and increase classroom libraries. Initiatives include love of literature, battle of the books, potential march madness for books. Example: students come to school before the school day - physical activity and reading will be partnered. Example: kickball and reading
- Parent involvement is so important. Research has proven high involvement with parents in school students perform better
- Mr. Barner is looking for a school committee member
- Cultural Arts Committee - Mr. Barner works with the group of parents that select the assemblies for the school. Social and emotional needs (bullying, art, stem) for both school wide and grade level. 2 per grade level 1 stem, 1 art. Need up to 3 parents
- The importance of communication - don’t wonder, just ask!
 - Includes children’s progress. Contact the teacher
- We are off to a great start with high energy
- Officer Hart: great start to the school year. We will see a lot of police presence to help slow down the traffic. They are working to implement A.L.I.C.E. The Walpole Police Department has modified A.L.I.C.E. for Walpole. This program prepares for school violence and other items that come up in the day. They have developed grade/age appropriate videos. Our grades will learn stop, look, and listen to an adult. Will not be introducing weapons -
 - Please email Officer Hart if there are any questions. All the staff has been trained. OPR will be trained on the 27th. There will be two drills a year. They do crawl, walk, run type of drills. The first drill - will focus on stop look and listen. Listen for key terms
 - Walpole Police Department wants to assist in fundraising - 3 rides to school, street hockey, basketball games, lunch with Rebel
 - Question: are the staff taught how to respond to violence/weapon? Yes. They are taught to make decisions. Students are taught to stop look and listen to the closest adult. There are key terms - evacuations, reverse evacuations, shelter in place is the most severe of the terms

- The same terminology will be used in all Walpole schools
- Parent presentation in Mid October
- Always open for phone calls emails / questions

- **School Committee Introduction - Nancy Gallivan**
 - Goals: try to create new opportunities to meet parents
 - General things to know:
 - A lot going on in the district - committed to keeping parents informed
 - Have new administrators - some are new to Walpole, some have come up through walpole. Excited about the energy
 - Walpole has two town meetings a year - the first meeting will deal with the vote on the 1A town fields. Bids accepted mid december
 - Needs of the aging middle schools - working to obtain funding from the state. Our district was accepted into the state eligibility. Possible consolidation of the two middle schools. There will be discussions on this process
 - Anticipate being invited to the state feasibility phase
 - They have asked the state if they could consider the high school and middle school. The answer was no, but they are still investigating the options to procure funding for WHS.
 - Need more space for physical education at the high school - will be scaled down from the initial proposal. Project is not defined
 - Had a major operational override in 2012 which funds the day to day operations of schools. There was some thoughtful planning for the debt budget and some money in a fund (one time money) for these larger projects . The high school could be considered for this fund. No override or MSBA. But the MSBA is working to help support our middle school project
 - Will continue to work on student safety, emotional health. There is a viewing of the documentary Screenager - Oct 3 7pm viewing. Focusing on middle school and 4th and 5th grade
 - There will be a presentation on critical responses (re: ALICE)
 - Survey on school climate and some long range community planning
 - Parents health and safety
 - Nancy will be providing info for the PAC monthly - looking for a representative

- **PAC Business**
 - Introduce this year's fundraisers and call for coordinators for each event
 - Vote on pie fundraiser - need a coordinator or will not happen for Nov. Not at this time. Possible for spring
 - Discussion of Laser Quest for October SOHD - not at this time

- Gingerbread Festival update - email to be coming out
 - Friendship Directory, thank you to Kathy Martinez for coordinating
 - Fundraising goals, short and long term
 - Funds to build classroom libraries
 - Funds to support the Digital Learning Coach including an iPad cart and iPads for coding and learning experiences
- Actions
 - Room parent process change discussion - added language related to the selection process and room parent limit
 - Coordinator emails will be sent out soon
 - Follow PAC on facebook, instagram - email oppracwalpole@gmail.com. We want to have everyone involved and receive feedback.
- Recap of Events Held
 - Staff Welcome Back treats
 - Back to School Supplies, thank you to Carolyn Henjes for coordinating
 - Kindergarten Popsicle Social
 - Ice-cream Social, thank you to Scott Carpenter and all the parent volunteers
- Upcoming Programs/Events/Fundraisers Dates
 - Picture Day Friday 9/13
 - Open House Wednesday 9/25
 - Teacher Thank You Lunch 9/25
 - Coordinators and volunteers needed
 - Mum Sale at Open House Wednesday 9/25, thank you to Kate Murray for coordinating
 - Stay on Half Day (SOHD) 9/27
 - Sign up genius for volunteers to be emailed out this week
 - Walk to School Wednesday October 3
 - Request for water donations and several parent volunteers to hand out water
 - Photo shoot fundraiser
 - Coreen Jackson - tentative dates October 19 & 20
 - No School Monday October 14th, Columbus Day
 - Parents Night Out - details coming soon!
 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 10/23, 10/25 & 10/29
 - Next Meeting: October 17th 7:00PM

Motion to adjourn